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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKSRejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 8 and 10-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Kondo et al., in view of Harada et al. and Shirakawa et al.

Kondo et al. is asserted to teach that the administration of a soluble form of Fas to HbsAg transgenic mice prevented CTL-induced liver disease. Kondo et al. is further asserted to teach inhibition of disease progression with two animal models for hepatitis. Kondo et al. is asserted differ from the invention in